

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

B<sub>1</sub> -- Status of the previous technique BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

B<sub>2</sub> -- Account of the invention BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

B<sub>3</sub> -- Short description of the drawings BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please replace the abstract with the following page: